

CONCLUSION

For the reasons set forth in this brief, the Court should reverse the district court's November 26, 2002 Final Judgment and Injunction and should remand the case to the district court with instructions to enter judgment in favor of Bowater and the Plan.

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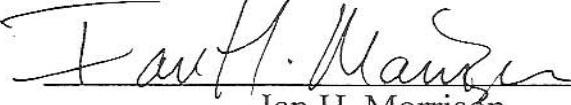
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